

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I move the adoption of the amendment. What the amendment deals with is the Department of Public Institutions and the Western Nebraska Veterans Home in Scottsbluff. You will recall that the...some years ago why the Legislature set aside \$500,000 of, at that time was federal funds, that had come to the state for the operation, operational costs of the veteran homes, but the Legislature chose to put that money aside for future capital construction and the project of course that was before us is the 50 bed unit at Scottsbluff. The Governor you will recall in his budget used that money for operating costs rather than for construction. Though what our amendment does is increase from \$500,000 to \$600,000 for the construction to be matched with a little over a million dollars of federal funds for the 50 bed unit as is proposed. The reason we had the \$500,000 figure in is that was consistent with what the statute said. However, the amendment is written in such a way that it would increase it to \$600,000 there is about \$850,000, as I recall, in that fund because of interest earning since the money was first put in there back I think in '79. The balance of that money is, based on their testimony, is presumed to be used for operating costs for the first year or so that it would last once the structure is constructed. So I would move adoption of the amendment which increases the. . .

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any further discussion on the Warner amendment? If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record your vote.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Appropriations Committee amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: The Warner amendment is adopted. Any further amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp had an amendment printed on page 1475 of the Journal. He wishes to withdraw and substitute for that amendment the following. (Read DeCamp amendment as it appears on pages 1512-13 of the Legislative Journal).

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members, the original amendment you had did two things. It took \$150,000 away